

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period  
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit  
Continental Tire the Americas, LLC in Mt. Vernon

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC has applied to the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air for a construction permit to expand the commercial vehicle tire area at its tire manufacturing plant located at 11525 North Illinois Highway 142 in Mount Vernon. This project includes new carbon black bins, one new rubber mixing unit (Mixer #21), two modified mixing units, two new extruders and seven new curing presses. The existing Tire Uniformity Grinding Operations and Tire Repair Operations would also experience an increase in throughput. The project is not a major project or modification for purposes of the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21.

Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that this project will comply with the applicable environmental regulations and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on the application for this project. **Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 6, 2013.** If sufficient interest is expressed in this matter, a hearing or other informational meeting may be held. Comments, questions and requests for information, should be directed to Brad Frost, Bureau of Air, Illinois EPA, P. O. Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD 217/782-9143.

Persons wanting more information may view the draft permit and project summary at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html> The repositories for these documents and the application are located at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2309 W. Main, Marion, 618/993-7200 and 1340 N. Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.